



19 January 2007

## **INFORMATION PAPER**

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Management Programs

1. The mission of Emergency Management Division is to ensure the District is prepared to respond to military contingencies (war, operations other than war, continuity of operations, military support to civil authorities, and continuity of government) and natural disasters (floods, typhoons, volcanoes, tsunami, droughts, and earthquakes) in the POH area of operations. In addition, the EM is tasked to prepare selected teams and team members to deploy to support other affected areas. EM's preparation includes team formation, selection, training and equipping.

2. Points of interest and facts:

a. Funds. EM is funded from three separate source programs: (a) Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies, (b) Field Force Engineering (Operations & Maintenance, Army), and (c) Catastrophic Disaster Response Planning (Operations & Maintenance, General). The EM staff is composed of a Chief, two program managers/planners, and an Emergency Operation Center Coordinator. The annual budget ranges between \$450,000 to \$750,000, depending on training and exercises schedules/funding.

b. Teams. Civil funded (FCCE and O&M, Gen): POH has an Emergency Power Planning and Response Team (PRT), a Containerized Tactical Operations Centers [CTOCs] and members on the following functional PRTs or cadres: Emergency Support Function – Three, Assistant Team Leader, Local Government Liaisons, Safety, Real Estate, Resource Management, ENGLink, and Logistics. The District also has a Rehabilitation Preliminary Damage Assessment Team, an EOC Support Team, Aloha Reception Center (processes other district's personnel), Crisis Action Team, Crisis Management Team, and Recovery Field Office (RFO). Military funded (OMA): POH has a Base Development Team (BDT), Logistics Support Team (LOGST) members, and a Contingency Real Estate Support Team member. Team members are medically screened. Each member of a team receives annual training (8 - 32 hours)

c. Equipment. EM is also custodian for a CTOC. CTOC is USACE asset that is an air transportable, crew-served, communications command and control system. It consists of 41 large containers (it includes: a LAN with 8 laptops, HF radio, 150 VHF-FM radios, two generator sets, GPS, sat phone, and satellite system capable of supporting 30+ work stations)

d. Exercises. The District participates in the state hurricane exercise each May. POH annually plays in one joint military exercises: Balikatan (held in April) or Cobra Gold (held in May) or Reception, Staging, Onward movement, and Integration (RSOI, held in April).

e. Operations Tempo. In the past 6 years POH has hosted 30 Presidential Declared Disasters, three foreign responses, and deployed over 614 POH team members to disasters we hosted or provided support to.



3. Top four issues:

a. Re-establishment of the EOC. Construction is underway on the EOC in Building 525. Completion is projected for late summer. Upon completion, EM will then move from the temporary trailer location at Tripler Army Medical Center.

b. Maintenance of relationships. EM has outreach with all the governments in the AO through the various offices of Civil Defense and FEMA. Maintaining a “call any time” relationship is critical to response success.

c. Management of Rehabilitation Inspection Program. There are approximately 50 federal and non-federal flood control or shore protection structures in the AO. EM manages the Continuing Eligibility Inspection and rehabilitation of these essential projects. As witnessed by the Louisiana levee failures in 2005, inspections are a critical part of maintaining their functionality. POH has one of the premier RIPs in USACE.

d. Fostering an expeditionary mindset. There are currently approximately 85 POH team members on a civil or military response team. However, there is a significant segment of the District that only responds to civil and military response needs on order [i.e. when their name is at the top of the deployment list and they are directed to go].